

House Resolution 1954

By: Representatives Shaw of the 176th, Floyd of the 147th, Ashe of the 56th, and Coleman of the 144th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending William Merrill "Bill" Oettmeier, Jr.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, William Merrill "Bill" Oettmeier, Jr., was born in Valdosta and grew up in Fargo
3 on the edge of the great Okefenokee Swamp; and

4 WHEREAS, Bill Oettmeier, Jr., is a 1960 graduate of the University of Georgia George Foster
5 Peabody School of Forestry with a bachelor of science degree in forestry; and

6 WHEREAS, Bill Oettmeier, Jr., honorably served six years as an Airman Second Class radar
7 operator in the Georgia Air National Guard; and

8 WHEREAS, Bill Oettmeier, Jr., had a distinguished 16 year career with St. Regis Paper
9 Company in Georgia and Mississippi; and

10 WHEREAS, Bill Oettmeier, Jr., served on the Monticello, Mississippi, Board of Education and
11 City Council; and

12 WHEREAS, Bill Oettmeier, Jr., succeeded his father, William M. Oettmeier, Sr., as president
13 of Superior Pine Products Company in 1975; and

14 WHEREAS, Bill Oettmeier, Jr., received the Georgia Forestry Association President's Award
15 in 1991, 1996, and 1997; the GEA Wise Owl Award in 2001; and CPA's first Community
16 Service Award in 2006; and

17 WHEREAS, Bill Oettmeier, Jr., is the only person to serve as president of the Forest Farmers
18 Association twice and president of the Georgia Forestry Association twice and still serves on
19 their boards; and

1 WHEREAS, Bill Oettmeier, Jr., served on the Clinch County Board of Education from 1976
2 to 1980 and is married to the mayor of Fargo, the Honorable Patricia S. Oettmeier; and

3 WHEREAS, Bill Oettmeier, Jr., was president of the Georgia Division of the Society of
4 American Foresters in 1993-1994 and was elected a Fellow of that group in 1994; and

5 WHEREAS, Bill Oettmeier, Jr., was president of the Warnell School of Forestry and Natural
6 Resources Alumni Society in 1994 and received the Warnell School's Distinguished Alumnus
7 Award in 1996; and

8 WHEREAS, Bill Oettmeier, Jr., was Big Jayhook of the Warnell School of Forestry and
9 Natural Resources Jayhole Club in 1990 and was elected an honorary member of the
10 University of Georgia AGHON Society; and

11 WHEREAS, Bill Oettmeier, Jr., was commended by the United States Selective Service
12 System for his support of military operations of Joint Reserve Forces Detachment 2-7; and

13 WHEREAS, Bill Oettmeier, Jr., was appointed by Governor Roy E. Barnes to the Georgia
14 Forestry Commission Board of Commissioners and the Governor's Education Reform
15 Commission; and

16 WHEREAS, Bill Oettmeier, Jr., served on the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta Advisory
17 Council from 1993 to 1995; and

18 WHEREAS, Bill Oettmeier, Jr., was named Outstanding Georgia Citizen by Secretary of State
19 Cathy Cox; and

20 WHEREAS, Bill Oettmeier, Jr., has displayed outstanding professionalism in the practice of
21 forestry and is Georgia Registered Forester No. 1075; and

22 WHEREAS, Bill Oettmeier, Jr., has unselfishly served the Georgia Sheriff's Boys Ranch as
23 president of the board of directors and is a long-time board member; and

24 WHEREAS, "Mr. Bill" is affectionately known by generations of Georgia Sheriff's Boys Ranch
25 children for his long running sponsorship of the Fall Boys Hunt and has received numerous
26 humanitarian awards for his distinguished support of the Boys Ranch; and

1 WHEREAS, William M. Oettmeier, Jr., is retiring as president of Superior Pine Products
2 Company in 2006.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
4 William "Bill" Oettmeier, Jr., is commended for his lifetime of singular achievements and his
5 exemplary record of peerless public service; congratulated upon the occasion of his
6 retirement; and extended the most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and
8 directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to William "Bill" Oettmeier, Jr.